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Supporting Los Angeles as Host of the 2024 Summer Olympic Games

The United States Olympic Committee has invited Los Angeles to express its interest in hosting the 2024 Olympic and Paralympic Games. Olympic events would be held throughout Los Angeles County.

The modern Olympic movement began in 1894 with a commitment to promoting a peaceful world through the exaltation of body, spirit and mind. Few places in the world exemplify this spirit of Olympism as nobly as greater Los Angeles does in the everyday lives of its people.

Since its establishment, individuals from all nations have settled in Los Angeles to pursue their personal aspirations to excellence. Their vitality, optimism and competitive spirit rapidly moved Los Angeles to its position as a leading global metropolis.

Athletic excellence has always been among the highest ambitions of the people of Los Angeles. Los Angeles is home to more Olympians than anywhere in the world, and has twice hosted the summer Olympic games.

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The traditional reverence for sport among Los Angelenos, combined with their vast creative infrastructure, make Los Angeles uniquely capable as an Olympic host. Los Angeles can draw deeply on its past and present strengths to stage the Olympic and Paralympic Games in 2024 in a way that both respects tradition and the Olympic Charter and introduces new and exciting approaches to this great world-wide celebration.

I THEREFORE MOVE THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:

1. Send a five signature letter to the United States Olympic Committee expressing the Board's desire to bring the 2024 games to Los Angeles; and
2. Direct the Chief Executive Officer to provide the full cooperation of the County to the Southern California Committee for the Olympic Games in its bid to host the games.

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